



June 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last Sunday it was great to see our A Pennants defend their 2016 title against a very competitive Palmerston North team. Our guys have set the benchmark all year and their win was great to be a part of. Our Palmanui Pennants team also beat their Palmerston North opponents in their final also played on our course on Sunday. This was another very tight contest and they clearly found it advantageous playing on the home course. Congratulations to all the guys for another stellar Pennants year. Also thanks to the members who came down to support the guys.

Two planning staff members from PNCC attended a meeting of Club members on May 30th to explain the proposal to re-zone the former Massey owned land adjoining the 12th and 15th holes, to residential. Ultimately the intention is for the developer, who has purchased the site from Massey University, to subdivide the land in three Stages with 130 residential sections, a number of which will border the Club. The re-zoning process under the Resource Management Act allows interested parties to make submissions on the proposals by 15 June. The Club will be making a submission on the proposal. Lodging a submission effectively makes the Club part of the legal process and then it can have a significant input into the hearing that follows, likely in August, where Independent Commissioners will make the decision on whether to re-zone the land. The proposal raises some issues for our Club in terms of reverse sensitivity so it is important that the Club makes a submission setting out our concerns to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place if the re-zoning is approved to ensure that any effects on the Club's activities are adequately mitigated. A small sub-committee of members has been appointed to prepare the Club's submission. All of the sub-committee members are professionals with expertise and experience in dealing with planning issues of this nature and preparation of the submission has already commenced.

Thank you to all of the Members who attended. I am sure that all of us that attended now have a better appreciation of the staging of the development and its potential impact on the Club. Should you have any queries regarding this process you are welcome to speak to Warren Collett or myself.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT...

Our 2IC Greenkeeper Kiel Stechman has applied for and been accepted to attend the Future Turf Manager's initiative (FTMI) to be held in late June at the Twin Waters Golf Resort on the Sunshine Coast. This initiative is to help develop younger greenkeepers to go further in the industry. While Kiel is over there he will also be attending the Australian Fine Turf Conference which features both Agronomic and Management topics which I am sure will also be beneficial to Kiel. The Club will undoubtedly benefit from the new ideas that Kiel will bring back with him.

The recent heavy rain has had an impact on the course necessitating careful consideration of the use of carts. Any decisions regarding the temporary stand-down for carts aren't taken lightly as we understand they are a necessity for a lot of our members. However, we must also consider the protection of the course.

Finally now that winter is here just a quick tip from me ... ensure you clearly mark and identify your golf ball!!!

Enjoy your golf.

Peter McRedmond - Club President



GENERAL MANAGER

I speak to many Managers of other clubs throughout the country and one of their main concerns is the social decline in their respective golf clubs. This is certainly not the case here at the Manawatu Golf Club. The Trivia Night under the control of Paul Otway and our own staff member Rachel Hogan was not only a credit to them but to you the members as the night was a great success. Credit must go to Kath and her team who dished up the meal in their usual professional manner along with Billy and Dana keeping us all watered. I certainly look forward to the next event.

Monday 12th June commencing 5.30pm at the clubhouse, there will be an information update to members on how the club is tracking following seven months trading. The President, myself and Scott Haumaha will speak on different aspects of the club including membership, course and the finances. All members are welcome to attend.

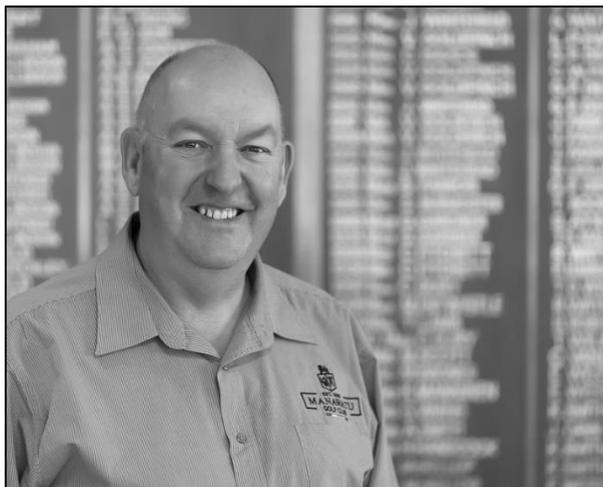
The Admin staff are spending considerable time looking at the best operating software options for the club. It is imperative we have the best solutions providing the best results for everyone. We operate a big business now so the team has set this as a priority. We work in a complex situation having everything in house but I am sure we will secure a solution compatible to every department.

As Peter has alluded to we will face a tough few months ahead in the cold and wet but I know Malcolm is looking forward to making several minor improvements to the course. These changes will be outlined at the information evening, nothing major just some simple reconstructed access ways to tees and the renovation of some tees.

We must make mention to all the new members that have joined the golf club. We trust you are enjoying your golf but most of all, your entire club. It is a great club with facilities second to none. Just remember if you have a friend and they are thinking of joining a golf club then please steer them to Manawatu Golf Club.

Good golfing everyone and please enjoy your club.

Regards
Warren Collett-General Manager





MANAWATU GOLF CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT

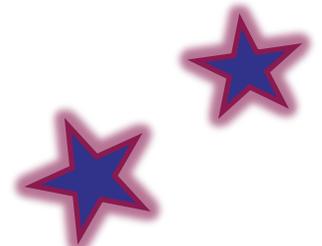
Highlights



35 teams
209 people
Over \$2000 in prizes!



Congratulations to
the Proper Pheasant
Pluckers for taking
out 1st Place!



Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

The month of May has been another busy month in the proshop. The Callaway & Taylormade fitting days that were held had a really good turnout. We have also been receiving and putting into stock our new winter clothing range. We have a great selection of Ladies & Men's winter clothing in all four of our Clothing Brands (FootJoy, Adidas, Greg Norman & Sporté Leisure). So please come in and check out what is new in your Pro Shop.

Golfing world update:

Now there is less than half a season left on both the European and PGA tours. Here is an update on how our kiwi boys are doing as they work to regain their cards for the following season.

Tim Wilkinson: PGA Tour. Timmy is 139th on the FedEx cup list, as is Steve Alker. Tim didn't play this last week. Tim will have about 8 or 9 tournaments left this year to improve his standing. He needs to pick up at least 12 spots to retain a full card for next year.

Tim will have to put up with his coach André for the next month (which is awesome as it gets him out of my hair for a month, sorry André!!!! In reality I'm just really jealous).

André is off to the USA for his annual catch up with Tim, and at the same time he will be caddying for Tim on the PGA Tour and this may include the US Open if Tim Qualifies next Monday.

Click on the link below and that will take you through to scores for the US Open Qualifying. Tim's Venue is Jupiter Hills Golf Club. Here's hoping he can be playing in the US Open like he did last year and flying the flag for Manawatu.

<http://www.usopen.com/qualifying/sectional/tquesta.html#!&tab=preview>



Pro shop cont..

Ryan Fox: European Tour. Entering the BMW Championship at Wentworth this last weekend Ryan was placed 103rd on the Race to Dubai. The top 60 on the list play in the final event of the year (their version of the Tour Championship on the PGA Tour). To retain his card Ryan needs to Finish inside the top 111 in the race to Dubai rankings.

Unfortunately for Ryan he missed the cut at Wentworth and has now dropped outside to 113th on the Standings. He still has plenty of time to make it up.

Steve Alker: PGA Tour. Steve is 171st on the FedEx cup list. Steve didn't play this last week and will now need to capitalise on every start he gets from now on to make that all important top 125 on the FedEx cup.

Danny Lee: PGA Tour. Danny is 80th on the FedEx cup list. Danny has just come off his 2nd best finish for the year at the Dean & DeLuca Invitational where he finished 6th. That finish moved him up 23 places to 80th on the rankings. Danny has some good momentum going at the moment with two top ten's in as many weeks. In the last two weeks he has climbed 43 spots on the FedEx list. I wouldn't be surprised to see Danny back in the winner's circle in the next little while

Grip Sale: 20% off all grips in stock!!!!

Do your grips bear a resemblance to the grip in the picture? If they do it is time for some new ones.

Here is a great opportunity to get some new grips put on your clubs at an awesome price!!!!!! Also we will do a Grip Fit, which means we will fit you with the right size grips for your hands so they feel as good as they can!!!!



Sale runs 1st of June 2017 till 15th of June 2017.

Just remember if you have any questions regarding your game please don't hesitate to ask us. We are always wanting to help Actually no we aren't always here as André is off to the USA on Friday – See I told you I was jealous!!

Your Pro Shop Team

MEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

The first Saturday of the month saw the playing of the Craigs Investments Partners Tankard, kindly sponsored by Ewan Westergaard. On a glorious day, scoring was good, with AM player, Martyn Nail winning the tankard with 43 pts, from fellow AM player Maurice Jackson on 42 pts. Great stuff Martyn.



Martyn Nail – Winner of the Craigs Investment Partners Tankard

Not all players played well however, with last year's MacLennan beaten finalists, Jeff Clayton and Brent Cawthray playing abysmally, and losing 7 & 6!! to Ian Yule and Gerard O'Keefe, the former Temuka Club Champion. Jeff and Brent had a combined pts score of 12 stablefords after 7 holes, Jeez!!!!

The first round of the MacLennan has been completed on time, thanks fellas. Second round is now underway.

The finalists for the B&A have been found. Jeff Clayton will play Clappers (Paul Clapperton). Should be a good battle with Jeff receiving plenty of shots, Clappers will need to bring his "A" Game!

The final of the Watson Cup was played on Saturday with Brent Dickins defeating Andrew Wilson with the final putt on the 18th green. A titanic battle which ebbed and flowed throughout.



Brent Dickins – Winner of the Watson Cup

Sunday saw us hosting the finals of the A Grade and Palmanui Finals, both against our old adversaries, Palmerston North.

Both were really tight battles with Ryan Dickins's Palmanui team winning 5.5 to 3.5. Palmy had been undefeated going into the final so this was a huge victory. Special mention must go to the two youngsters, Sam Smith and Ethan Dodds. They combined to win their foursomes, and then both won their singles clashes. Great reward for a lot of hard work.

The A Grade have been fantastic all year, both on and off the course. Ewan, Brent Jaslarz and Nashy have done a wonderful job in creating a real team, on and off the course. This was really well deserved.

Thanks to those of you who came down and watched, the players really appreciated it.

A reminder that the Calcutta for the MacLennan will start at 5.30 pm on Saturday 10th June. See BC for tickets. Get a syndicate together. This night is always a lot of fun.

Good golfing everybody - BC

MEN'S GOLF

Palmanui Pennant Report

The Palmanui Team faced a previously unbeaten Palmerston North team in the final of the Palmanui Shield on Sunday. Palmerston North had been dominant throughout the season.

In the morning foursomes the boys had a really strong start with important wins to Sam Smith/Ethan Dodds and Kirk Brough/Martyn Nail. This gave us a narrow 2/1 lead at lunch. The afternoon kicked off well with most of the team getting up early, but Palmerston North clawed back to be sitting 3 all with 9 holes to play. After the turn the boys started making a charge, the two young guys were the hero's of the afternoon, Sam Smith played some outstanding golf to claw back a 2 hole deficit to win 2/1. Ethan Dodds grinded away at a tough opponent for a well deserved 4/3 victory at number 2 while Kirk Brough stormed home with a convincing 6/5 victory in the number 1 spot, Bert Chang managed to hold on for an important half which sealed the match for us after an impressive montage of shanks in the back 9.

This was a huge effort to get the win against a strong PN team, Bring on 2018

Kirk Brough
Ethan Dodds
Martyn Nail
Jason Westwood
Sam Smith
Bert Chang



(L to R) Bert Chang, Ryan Dickins (Manager), Kirk Brough, Ethan Dodds, Jason Westwood, Sam Smith & Martyn Nail.



Mike Fagan from PNGC handing over the Palmanui Shield to Ryan Dickins manager of the Palmanui team



Ethan Dodds in the bunker on 8, Palmanui final.



Ryan Dickins receiving the Palmanui pennant from Martin Townend from MWGA

MEN'S GOLF

A Grade Pennant Report

Well it was crunch time of the season for the men's A Grade Pennant team and the match we had been building towards all year. But firstly, I will take you back to the start:

In December 2016, a group of discerning gentleman and Craig Nash sat down for a coffee and a discussion on how to rebuild our culture and team spirit within the pennant team. In our minds, we were prepared to lose to win in order to build the culture that was lost. We had immense talent in our team for a number of years, albeit on an individual scale. We wanted to be seen as respected leaders as only the MGC would expect.

Seven rounds of round robin play, seven victories, some closer than others. The guys played as a team all year and it culminated in the final yesterday against Palmerston North.

Our week leading up to the big day was fraught with injury, ailments and near death experiences for several members of the team. The first to fall was myself (some would say due to old age). With very little chance of swinging a golf club, early in the week the baton was passed to the Vice-Captain Craig (Eminem) Nash. With a vigorous week leading up to the event, Craig managed to employ smash factor 150 on the range and tweaked his back (definitely due to old age). His recovery was miraculous and with the assistance of a number of pills, he stepped up to the plate on Sunday morning. Regan McConaghty was the next to fall with suspected meningitis, finishing up in hospital during the week and looking like he was on deaths door on Sunday, he also pushed through on sheer adrenalin.

The Foursomes were shared at 2 matches a piece. This set up a very intriguing afternoon session of singles. It didn't come without its spanners...in the morning session Craig finished up with Ritchie Shaw on the bag playing a number of roles. Placing his tee, picking up his ball, short of Ritchie hitting the golf ball for him, Craigs body was done. Up steps another cripple in myself to reluctantly fill the void.

The afternoon was a seesaw of ups and downs. I was victorious 6 and 5 over a young Bradley McSherry and Dave Tarrant succumbed to the 2008 Manawatu Open Winner Adam Rapson by a similar margin. Greg and Angus marched on to win their singles matches comfortably on the 14th hole giving us 5 points in the bag to their 3. It wasn't long after that Micah lost his battle to take it to 5 points to 4. The remaining three matches on course were perilously poised at 1up or 1down and it could easily go any which way. With fading light, the young man Matt Francis holed a marvellous putt on the 17th hole to take his match down the 18th and secure the half a point. It came down to our one and two combination of Regan and Guy. Guy elected to lay-up on the 16th against his opponent Regan Cording to ensure he left his favourite distance of 38 metres, which he promptly put 18 feet away, then subsequently holed (see picture on the next page). Little did Guy know, he had this putt to win the pennant, which was a fitting end for his last ever game of pennants for the Club.

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A Grade Pennant Report Cont...

Regan succumbed to Junior Tatana on the very next hole. This was a special effort for a man who looked like he had spent the day in a freezer.

The result, a 6.5 to 5.5 victory for the Club was as special as it gets. Commendation to the Palmerston North team and supporters who fought hard all day, their time will come.

A mention must go to all the players who assisted the team throughout the year to get to where we did, they are as follows in no particular order:

Regan McConaghty
Guy Perry
Greg Shaw
Angus Findlay
Matt Francis
Craig Nash
Dave Tarrant
Micah Bremner
Ewan Westergaard
Brent Jaslarz
Kaleb Idemaru
Jono Salmon
Kirk Brough
Trent Munn



Back row (L to R) Micah Bremner, Dave Tarrant, Regan McConaghty, Craig Nash
Front row (L to R) Ewan Westergaard, Greg Shaw, Angus Finlay, Guy Perry, Matt Francis

A mention must go to Greg Shaw playing at either 2 or 3 all year, he only dropped half a point all season. Also mentioned must go to the glue between the balsa wood Angus, only dropping a single point in singles.

Thanks again to the Club for allowing us the opportunity to represent you, we all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Ewan
Captain



Ewan Westergaard receiving the Norwood trophy from Martin Townend from MWGA



Guy Perry - Winning Putt

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

Our matches are now through the first rounds but the Edith Cooper is not quite that far yet. Do keep in touch with your players and check up on the dates.

National Teams Day

Our team of 4, Margaret Scott, Shirley Jenkinson, Jill Clifton and Helen Weber travelled to Castlecliff to play in the National Teams Day on the 5th May. The winning team was the host, Castlecliff on 129, which was way ahead of the 2nd teams on 137, Pahiatua and Marton. Feilding scored 139, followed by Manawatu on 140. A very good day in all and a couple of our girls won a raffle. Many thanks to the team for representing us so well.

Manawatu Womens House of Travel Open Day

Sadly we had to postpone this tournament due to the rain. This is the 5th Open Day that has been forced to postpone this year, plus 3 Pennant Days.

Our sponsors have been very understanding and we still have all our prizes safely put away. We did run the raffles as 59 players turned up so they were very sympathetic, and stayed for an early lunch. They were ever so pleased with our decision not to play.



The ladies enjoying the raffles and lunch

We have had a meeting and we will reschedule our Open Day on Thursday 26th October, which was to be our Charity Pairs Day. We may schedule that day later in the year.



Mid-Week versus Saturday Women

We had a very wet morning but decided to carry on and by the time we started the rain had gone. But we realised winter has arrived as it was very cold at times. We had 9 players from each side and the winners were Mid-Week. A very pleasing result as they hadn't won it for 2 years and last year it wasn't contested because of weather once again. A very good round by Glyn Robinson with 39 points which was a great help towards the Mid-Week score.

Team Rosie Red members, Glyn Robinson best stableford (mid week) with Rosie Honeyfield - Mid-week, Sat Ladies Comp 20th May

WOMEN'S GOLF

Rep Fundraiser Tournament - Sunday June 11th

The Rep Fundraiser Tournament is to be held on Sunday 11th June

The Manawatu Women Members and including the 9 Hole Players have kindly agreed to sponsor a hole for this day at a cost of \$230.

Try and get a team of 3 together, men, women or a mix, to play in this tournament at the Feilding Golf Club. The entry fee is \$100 for each team and you will be randomly partnered with a rep player. Entry forms can be found at www.mwga.co.nz or in the ladies locker room. It is a fun day.

June 17th Interclub at Feilding

This year we travel to Feilding to retain the Salver, so we need players please. There is a sheet up in the Ladies locker room.

When entering Open Days in the Locker Room could you please put your ID there as well. It makes it much easier for the committee lady putting the entries in.

Saturday Club

Our month started with a hugely entertaining Irish Stableford day. Special guest Pauline O'Donoghue addressed the green-clad golfers in Gaelic before presenting a range of themed prizes including green eggs, shamrock seeds, Irish breakfast tea and Baileys Irish Cream. The laughter continued with a good turnout for our social outing to the Globe Theatre to see a local production of the comedy "Supermarket Sisterhood." There has also been some serious golf - an unfortunate loss for the Saturday Sunshine Girls



to the Midweek Women in red in the annual trophy competition, as well as two wonderful Eagles - a hole in one on the 4th by Mudra Lakhani and a two on the 9th to Tania Hook. Great to see the winter weather diminishing neither the skill nor the enthusiasm!
Linda Hall

Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain



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from the ACADEMY ...

There are now seven members of the Manawatu Golf Club Junior Academy. There were nine members but both Eric McKee and Jamie Connell have shifted out of the area. Eric is playing his golf out of Paraparaumu and Jamie is currently playing cricket in the UK.

Academy members are still receiving very comprehensive coaching from Alan and Andre in the Pro Shop and all members have access to very professional online support.

Following is a resume of member's golfing activities over the last two or three months in alphabetical order

ETHAN DODDS

Ethan currently plays off a slope index of 6.4. During the recent school holidays Ethan played in the McDONALDS JUNIOR MASTERS, at our course, and finished a very creditable fourth, with a nett 77. Ethan has also been playing in the PALMANUI PENNANTS TEAM and in last Sunday's final, partnered with Sam Smith, they had a fourball win 2 and 1 in the morning and Ethan had a singles win 3 and 2 in the afternoon.



LILY GRIFFIN

Lily has a current slope index of 7.6. Over the last couple of months Lily has played a number of events. Lily won the McDONALDS JUNIOR MASTERS with a gross score of 77. Lily also won a Quadrangular matchplay tournament at Marton coming out on top in the final 5 and 4.

Lily has also played in the Women's Championship Pennants team and has had a very good season.

In partnership with Cheryl Bethwaite, Lily won a trip to TERRACE DOWNS in the PRO'S DAY tournament late last year. They recently undertook the trip and enjoyed a fabulous few days.



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KALEB IDEMARU

Kaleb currently plays off a slope index of 4.5.

Whilst Kaleb has attended the Academy coaching sessions and fulfilled his commitment to the Academy he has not been playing a lot of competitive golf.

Kaleb played in the McDONALDS JUNIOR MASTERS and has played a number of matches for the A GRADE PENNANTS team.

MUDRA LAKHANI

Mudra has a current slope index of 4.9.

After a month long visit to her native India returned to continue her golfing with an appearance at the NZ Strokeplay at the Bridge Pa course in Hastings. By her own admission Mudra struggled a little putting it down to the month layoff.

Mudra placed second in the McDONALDS JUNIOR MASTERS with a gross score of 78.

Mudra also placed 10th in the NZ

UNDER 19s on the Cromwell course in Central Otago with rounds of 81/ 80/ 81.

Mudra has been playing in the Women's Championship Pennants team and has achieved considerable success playing in the Number 1 or 2 position. The Manawatu Golf Club team currently lead this competition.

Finally, a highlight for Mudra, a HOLE IN ONE on our fourth hole.



REGAN McCONAGHTY

Regan currently plays off a slope index of +1.9.

Regan's only competitive golf over the last few months has been A GRADE PENNANTS.

Regan has a record of 3 wins, 2 losses and 1 half in his singles as the team's number one. The Pennants team beat Palmerston North in the final of this competition Sunday last.



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GREG SHAW

Greg currently plays off a slope index of .4.

Greg, like Regan, has played A GRADE PENNANTS over the last few months.

As the team's number two Greg has enjoyed considerable success during the campaign.

Greg enjoyed multiple wins in singles and fourball with only one loss and one half during the entire season. Greg and Regan teamed in the final to win their fourball match 3 and 2 and Greg won his singles 5 and 4.

SAM SMITH

Sam currently plays off a slope index of 8.3.

Sam's golf over the last few months has consisted mainly of PALMANUI PENNANTS.

He has played in various positions within the team and in their final, Sunday last, teamed with Ethan Dodds to win their fourball match 2 and 1. Sam also won his singles match 2 and 1.

From my point of view, being involved with these young players is quite special. To a person, they are a wonderful group of young people and represent our Club exceptionally well.

John R Garrett
Academy Chairman



MIXED 9 HOLE

We have been fairly lucky in dodging the wet weather and players have really enjoyed the sunshine.

We have welcomed another couple of new players so really good numbers of players on Wednesdays & Saturdays.

The final of the Walker Georgel cup has been won for the second time in a row by Kay Georgel & Paul MacNeill congratulations to you both.

We played our tri-series against Palmerston North & Feilding. We had a good win with 19.1. Palmerston North scored 16.3 and Feilding 15.3 Well done team! Next leg to be held at Feilding

We are doing a roadie to Pahiatua on Monday with a couple of their players joining us, then to the Tui Breweries for lunch.

The Gillespie/Lavender Cups matches are well underway.

Good Luck to those players still in.

Good golfing

Colleen Fraser



4th Hole – Walker Georgel Final



Winners Kay Georgel
and Paul MacNeill

Mercedes NZ Tournament Millbrook, Queenstown

Glenda Petre recently played in the national final of the Mercedes NZ Tournament at Millbrook in Queenstown. The final was played over two rounds on Saturday, (beautiful golf day) and Sunday a four-layer day to keep out the cold. The format was stableford with the first three place getters representing Mercedes NZ if the final in Stuttgart Germany.

The winner had a total of 83 points and 2nd and 3rd 66points. Glenda was 7 back on 59points. The fourth big prize was called Drive to the Major. The 7th hole on the Remarkables Course is a 300metre par 4. Whoever had the straightest drive won the prize. Glenda was in the top four people closest to the line. The winner received Business Class airfares to the British Open and a chance to play the Open Course on the Monday following the tournament.

Mercedes, Cathay Pacific and Working Style Clothing were the major sponsors of the weekend. Phil Tautaurangi was the MC for the weekend and the guest speaker for the awards night was Ritchie McCaw.

Everyone who scored a hole in one on the Saturday on the Par 3 finishing hole or the Sunday on the Par 3 16th hole on the Coronet Course received a new Mercedes. No cars were given out.

The weekend was a fantastic prize, Mercedes and their other sponsors were great hosts and Millbrook is a very special place.

Mark Lamb was a finalist. He and his wife Tracey were members of our club in early 2000's when they first emigrated from England. They both have fond memories of MGC.



Josh Hartwell
Muriwai golf club
World Masters Golf 2017



Congratulations to Mudra Lakhani on
her Hole in one on the 4th Hole
13th May 2017



COURSE REPORT

As fast as May came, it has now passed. Yet again the past month has been wet with consistent amounts of rain. Leaves are falling everywhere with the Autumn weather.

Greens have all been fertilised, they are smooth and are running consistent.

Tees and surrounds have been cored with only a couple of surrounds to be completed. Tees have also been fertilised.

Fairways have been raised in height and also have been fertilised.

The course has good dense cover of turf. A few drainage holes have been put in to help with a few wet areas.

Going into winter please be aware of frosts and wet areas.

Please continue to repair pitchmarks and replace divots.

Starting holes are the 1st and 10th tees and please use paths to go to tees.

All the best to members and visitors for the coming month of golf.

Golf humour



Kiel Stechman – Greenkeeper



Congratulations to Campbell Devaney for completing his National Certificate in Sports Turf Management Level 4

RULES CORNER

1. Comments on the proposed rule changes

The combined Rules Committees of the R&A and USGA have released a draft of proposed Rules of Golf to come into effect from the beginning of 2019. While there are some major changes planned, it is important for members to appreciate that the current Rules (as per the 33rd Edition released January 1, 2016) will apply until the new rules are formally adopted and implemented January 1, 2019. Thus it is not timely to discuss the new rules at length at this stage, to avoid confusing interpretations of Rules during competition play over the next 18 months. For those members interested in the main changes in the new Rules, I recommend the article in the April issue of Pacific Golfer (if available) on the proposed changes. As we approach the date for the new rules to take effect, this Rules Corner forum will provide some interpretive summaries of the major changes.

2. Some recent Rules situations during club play at the MGC

- a) I have had several members seek clarification of what is permitted when placing a ball close to a green (when the local rule permitting placing is in effect). I have advised that it is not permissible to place the ball on the green, and the ball must be placed within 15cm, not nearer the hole on the closely mown surface (fairway height). I have based this ruling on my observation of the actions of touring professional players when they are playing under a lift, clean and place rule due to excessively wet conditions (it is common for them to have a 1 club length place). I have never seen a professional in this situation place a ball within 1 club length of the green, on the putting surface. This ruling also is consistent with other relief procedures (from GUR, abnormal ground conditions and obstructions) which require the ball to be dropped not nearer the hole, not in a hazard and not on a green.
- b) When is a ball “lost”? More specifically, can a player after hitting a bad shot into long grass or a heavily wooded area (where it is likely to be lost or unplayable if found), declare the ball “lost” without searching for it, proceed under stroke and distance, and put another ball in play. The answer to this is YES – under Rule 27-1a, at any time a player may under penalty of 1 stroke play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played. Unless declared so, a ball played under this rule is NOT a provisional ball. If the bad shot was from the tee, the player may tee up the substitute ball. If from through the green, the ball must be dropped as close as possible to the spot where the original ball was last played.



NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm their acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in April 2017

7 Day Member – Maxine Whittfield, Michael Tate-Davis

5 Day Member – Yan Xiong Ye

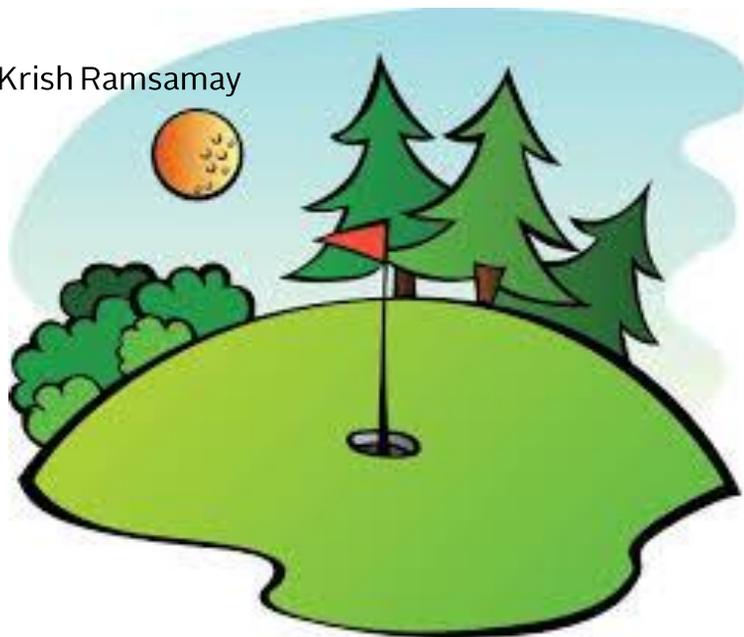
9 Hole Senior Member – Robin Corrick, Krish Ramsamay

Under 25 – Brandon Jackson

Country – Kolo Prescott

Full Playing Junior – Elizabeth Gibson

During this same period, 24 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 976 members. We wish our resigned members all the best and welcome our new members, we are sure you will enjoy your time at the Club.



Hokowhitu Café & Bar



News from the Hokowhitu Café and Bar.....



Mid-Winter packages are available for Lunch or Dinner functions held in June and July.

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